

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....February 6, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Alan Thompson and Commissioner Howard Lyons

Minutes: Sally Fortino

The Board held an interview with Roger Linhart for the Board of Adjustment.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Dave Erwin, of Scientia, regarding Water Quality District issues. Morgan Farrell of the Environmental Health Office was also present.

Dave explained a little about his company, which is located in Stevensville, MT. The company is an analytical laboratory, which offers its services to local individuals with private wells. Testing water quality parameters is the main purpose of the laboratory. He proposed drawing a contract to service the needs of the County to provide water quality tests. Stream flow discharge can also be accomplished by the company. Field work would be done by volunteers, i.e., Trout Unlimited members.

Dave explained the areas of data management and other services available to the County through his company, i.e. data sheets, document storage, analyses, and monthly reports. He added his firm is available to assist landowners with well testing, disinfection and treatment, as well as public education on water issues. He has been instrumental in successfully applying for many grants, and offered that expertise to the County.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if data could be coordinated with GIS to create water quality layer. Dave said it could be done.

Morgan asked if the program could be used in part, rather than requiring the entire proposal. Dave said it is very flexible. Dave said he will provide a proposal, including monetary issues, if so requested.

Commissioner Chilcott said misinformation regarding the Water Quality District had made it difficult to get the District properly presented to the public. That situation has been partially overcome, and hopefully the District will become a reality.

Dave said several other counties in Montana have found such a service useful. Dave left information on water quality for the Commissioners to review.

The Board interviewed Phil Connelly, Will Zeiler and Alfred Simmons for the Board of Adjustments.

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board met with Airport Manager Page Gough to approve leases and addendums to airport leases. Discussion included the lease for Brian Baker, DBA Tin Bender. Page relayed that Brian would like a 20-year lease rather than a 10-year lease. However, he does not have a letter from the bank requesting a 20-year lease for loan purposes. The Commissioners reviewed 7-8-2231 MCA, which addresses the 10-year leases, and Title 67 which addresses state and municipal airports. Commissioner Chilcott stated he feels the Commissioners need something compelling to exceed their current policy of granting 10-year leases with the exception of those commercial businesses that have a letter from a bank requesting a 20-year lease because of an outstanding loan. The Commissioners noted they have always approved hangar leases for those vendors who have been there for more than one decade.

Commissioner Thompson stated the Commissioners have some discretion under the code for allowing leases that are longer than 10-years. It is not the Commissioners' intention to do anything different with the airport property; therefore, no problems prevent them allowing the 20-year lease. Commissioner Chilcott stated it is important to be consistent in their policy of executing 10 or 20-year leases.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to grant a 20-year lease to Brian Baker (DBA Tin Bender), a 10-year lease with Richard and Bill Posten and a 10-year lease with Tim Betschart. Further discussion by Commissioner Chilcott was that Brian Baker has not demonstrated the harm it would cause him not to receive a 20-year lease. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to execute the three leases as discussed above for a period of 10-years and to develop a written policy for length of terms as addressed this date. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve of an addendum to the North Star Aviation Fuel Farm which sets the square footage at 3,262 (the original lease did not have the square footage included because the fences were not completed at the time of the original lease due to the installation of the fences). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Page also asked the Commissioners if they had any problems with him looking into a request by the Boy Scouts allowing them to have a one-day camp over at the airport for Aviation Awareness. This event would be held in June. The Commissioners concurred

Page can gather more information and bring it back to the Airport Board and Commissioners prior to any formal approval is given. They indicated the most important issue is providing for Public Health and Safety.

In other business, Larry Anderson, of U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg's Office, met with the Board to discuss various federal issues that affect Ravalli County.

Commissioner Thompson attended a Human Resource meeting during the afternoon hours in Hamilton.